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Statement on House Bill 4625**

The State Board of Education opposes House Bill 4625 as written.

Under the leadership of the Governor's Council for Educator Effectiveness, the state is currently developing a teacher and administrator evaluation system, which will incorporate performance measures based on assessments. The Council's recommendations, which have yet to be made public, have been developed through a collaborative process that included educators. This legislation has the potential to alter this important work before it is completed.

Furthermore, the proposed legislation limits advanced degrees that may be considered as a factor in the teacher's base compensation. Many advanced degrees and certifications are very relevant to improved teaching and student learning ability and should not be precluded. In addition, by limiting advanced degrees to content areas or elementary education, HB 4625 fails to consider specialized areas such as special education.

The State Board of Education believes this is a local control issue.

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